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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: TSUNOBUCHI et al.) Examiner: Unassigned
Application No.: Unassigned)
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Docket No.: 3140-010-01) Confirmation No.: Unassigned
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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
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February 23, 2004

Sir:

Prior to payment of the filing fees and examination of the above-identified application on the merits, the applicants respectfully request that the application be amended as follows:

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 13 of this paper.